

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is pleased to announce the conclusion of the search for a Pastor/Head of Staff. During the past 10 months, the committee authored the Church Information Form (CIF), which was approved by the session and submitted to the denomination in June 2007. Advertisements were run in two publications, *Presbyterians Today* and *Presbyterian Outlook* and the CIF was listed with the denomination's own Church Leadership Connection, a referral service for the Presbyterian church.

The PNC received more than 90 Personal Information Forms (PIF) from perspective candidates. Examples of recorded sermons were requested and received from 20 of these candidates. Of the 20 candidates whose sermons we reviewed, 12 were selected for telephone interviews. Five candidates were then chosen for face-to-face meetings that generally included an overnight visit, lunch or dinner and interview time with each individual. Most recently, we arranged a neutral pulpit for our top candidate, as the final step in our process.

The candidate that we will present for your approval on Sunday, February 10, is the one we are recommending unanimously for the position at Hitchcock. We know you will agree that we have found the right person to lead our congregation in the years to come. Please plan to come to a special reception to meet this wonderful pastor and his family, on Saturday, February 9 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the Upper Children's House at Hitchcock.